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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), I am writing in support of the proposed Long Island Offshore Wind Project (LIOWP) in Long Island, New York. In fact, CEA is very encouraged by the MMS review of offshore renewable energy projects under its new authority.

Offshore renewable energy projects promise reliable and clean energy at stable prices which will reduce the use of polluting and volatility priced conventional power generation. Wind energy produces neither pollution nor hazardous waste and is highly beneficial for public health. Further, modern wind turbines have a proven measurement of reliability equal to and often greater than conventional power plants. CEA believes that wind farms and other offshore renewable energy projects will become an important part of building a diverse energy portfolio that will reduce the nation's dependence on imported energy, support the economy and increase energy efficiency. Specifically, the LIOWP is expected to have a maximum output of 140 megawatts and supply power to the New York electrical grid. According to the Long Island Power Authority, this project will produce zero-emissions energy for approximately 44,000 Long Island homes and save 13.5 million barrels of oil over the project's duration. More than 30 local, national and international environmental and stakeholder organizations support the LIOWP.

CEA is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization that supports the thoughtful development and utilization of energy resources to help ensure improved domestic and global energy security and reduce prices for consumers. Our mission is to help improve consumer understanding of our nation's energy security, including the need to reduce reliance on imported oil and natural gas, maintain reasonable energy prices for consumers, properly balance our energy needs with environmental and conservation goals, and continue efforts to diversify our energy resources.

The goal of CEA is to motivate and provide a voice for consumers interested in vital public issues, such as access to resources offshore and on public lands; power generation, energy price impact on business, agriculture and consumers; development of a robust, domestic renewable energy industry; and promotion, support and development of new technologies allowing for higher levels of energy efficiency and conservation.

CEA recognizes the need for further investment in offshore renewable energy projects. Developing offshore wind farms will provide clean, safe and more affordable energy for consumers and is a necessary step toward securing our nation's energy future.

Sincerely,

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